As a seventeen-year-old, Danny Inouye joined the Army. He joined the 443nd Regimental Combat Team, the 'go for broke' regiment comprised of Japanese American soldiers. Their courage, in the face of often-insurmountable odds make them the most decorated unit in Europe. His extraordinary display of valor led to him receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor.

I want to read just a few words from that particular Medal of Honor award to Danny Inouye. 'He directed his platoon through a hail of automatic weapon and small arms fire. In a swift and developing movement that resulted in the capture of an artillery and mortar post, he brought his men within 40-yards of the hostile force. Emplaced in bunkers and rock formations, the enemy halted the advance with crossfire from three machine guns. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Second Lieutenant Daniel Inouye crawled up the treacherous slope to within five yards of the nearest machine gun and hurled two grenades, destroying the emplacement. Before the enemy could retaliate, he stood up and neutralized a second machine gun. Although wounded by a sniper's bullet, he continued to engage other hostile positions at close range until an exploding grenade shattered his right arm. Despite the intense pain, he refused evacuation and continued to direct his platoon until enemy resistance was broken, and his men were again deployed in defensive positions'.

Now, I read that, not to single out Danny, but to remind us all, that all the while that he, and so many other Americans of Japanese descent like Danny, where fighting for us. Their families were in internment camps, where they had been placed because of their ancestry during World War II, having been torn from their homes at the beginning of the war. In combat, these men learned a valuable lesson that shaped their work in the Senate. In the foxhole, there are no Democrats and Republicans, liberals or conservatives. There are only Americans. Having fought to defeat those who would steal our nation's freedom, each of them, in their Senate careers, sought to ensure that all Americans would continue to realize the promise of justice and liberty, a promise in our Constitution.

Tom Brokaw's name has been mentioned and I just wanted to read for you a short excerpt for an interview that Tom Brokaw had with Larry King:

Tom Brokaw: ''Difficult conditions are a test for great people. About whether they can measure up to it or not. And a lot of these veterans that I have written about'', referring to his book, ''said that it made a man out of me, or a young woman would say I went from being a giddy teenager to being a mature woman overnight.''

And then Brokaw went on, ''I'll just tell you one quick story. I've been talking about the renewed need for public service and having a sense that you do owe your country something. In one hospital ward in Michigan, there was a young man from Kansas who had had his arm shattered in combat in Italy, and in the next bed was a young man from Honolulu who was a Japanese American, who had lost his arm in the 442nd, and in the third bed was a young man from a family in Michigan who was also wounded. And he was able to get out of the hospital, to get theatre tickets and other things. Bob Dole was one. Danny Inouye was the other one. And Phil Hart, for whom the largest Senate office building is now named, was the third one. And they talked about their future lives, and they all decided it would be public service. They had just given up their youth in combat, but they came back and said they wanted to get involved running for public office. And they all ended up in the Senate.''

Larry King said, ''Who could write that? That's fiction.'' And Tom Brokaw said, ''I know, it's amazing.''

This building has helped define our nation for one hundred years, and how truly fitting it is that three of our nations heroes, in war and in peace, whose lives were first intertwined so closely here, whose friendships were forged here, who had a seminal life experience here, who were later united in the Senate, are reunited again in the naming, and renaming, of this federal building. They gained strength here, and then they gave again of that strength to brighten the future of the nation that they loved. The renaming of this building after them is icing on the 100th birthday cake of this wonderful, historic building.

Thank you.

TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR JACQUES PAUL KLEIN

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a friend and an outstanding citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Ambassador Jacques Paul Klein, on the occasion of his retirement from the U.S. Foreign Service.

Ambassador Klein was born in Selestat in the Alsace region of France in 1939 and spent the first 5 years of his life living in a war zone. When World War II ended, Ambassador Klein and his mother came to the United States in search of a better life and a brighter future. They settled in Chicago, where Mr. Klein worked his way through school and eventually joined the U.S. Air Force, volunteering to serve his new country in Vietnam. In so doing, he realized a dream that started as a young boy when he watched victorious allied fighter planes flying over France.

In 1971 Mr. Klein joined the Foreign Service. His initial tour of duty was in the Center of the Executive Secretariat, Office of the Secretary of State. He was posted abroad to serve as Consular Officer at the American Consulate General in Bremen, Germany. In 1979 he was selected to attend the National War College and upon graduation served as a Senior Advisor for International Affairs to the Secretary of the Air Force. In 1990 he once again answered the call of his country returning to Europe to serve as Senior Political Advisor to the Commander and Chief of the United States European Command in Stuttgart, Germany.

In 1996 United Nations Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali selected him to serve as Transitional Administrator for Eastern Slavonia and Baranya with the rank of Under Secretary-General. After directing another successful international mission, Ambassador Klein once again answered the call of his country—accepting the nomination of the U.S. Government as the Principal Deputy High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In 1999 after more then 2 years of dedicated work to rebuild the war-torn Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Klein was named by United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan as Under Secretary General to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Under the direction of Ambassador Klein, the UN Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina completed the most extensive police reform and restructuring mission ever undertaken at the United Nations.

Ambassador Klein's distinguished career in the U.S. Foreign Service and U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserve demonstrates his continued willingness to valiantly serve his country. In addition to retiring as Major General of the U.S. Air Force, Ambassador Klein has been awarded the Secretary of Defense Outstanding Public Service award, the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, and a Bronze Star.

I am particularly proud of Ambassador Klein for his service to the United States and to the international community. His hard work and commitment to further the cause of international peace, to alleviate suffering, and to help those affected by international conflict have made him a respected member of the U.S. Foreign Service. His central goal in life has been to give something back, through his military and government service, to the country that took him in after World War II and provided him with so many opportunities. To that end, he has been a success that all Virginians and all Americans can be proud of.

I wish to extend my sincerest congratulations to Ambassador Jacques Paul Klein and his family on the occasion of his retirement. I am honored to recognize his many accomplishments and applaud his distinguished service to our great Nation.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JANINE LOUISE JOHNSON

• Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am here to remember the life of Janine Johnson—formerly with the Senate's Office of Legislative Counsel—who sadly passed away last month while still in the prime of her young life of 37 years.

Janine served in the Senate for 13 years. Some of her major responsibilities included drafting child nutrition and agriculture legislation for me, and for many other Senators.

After beginning her work for the Senate, she had a hand in crafting every major child nutrition law while I was chairman of the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, when Senator LUGAR took over as chairman after me, and for Chairman TOM HARKIN.

She will be sorely missed as the Senate prepares to complete the child nutrition reauthorization this year.

She was a careful, creative, and precise drafter of some of America's most important nutrition laws, which stand now in silent testament to her life.

She was as cheerful and careful at 2:00 p.m. working out complicated drafts, as she was at 2:00 a.m. working on even more complicated drafts. My senior nutrition counsel for many years, Ed Barron, drove her home more than once after the metro closed at midnight.

I know how hard this tragic loss weighs on her friends and colleagues at the Senate Legislative Counsel's Office.

She was admired by her peers, her friends, and her Senate clients.

It was clear from an early age that Janine would be a star. She graduated first in her class from Winchester High School in Massachusetts.

In 1986, she graduated with high honors from Harvard Law School. She clerked for the Honorable Cecil Poole on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Following her clerkship, she came to the Senate Office of Legislative Counsel.

According to Janine's friends here in the Senate, she loved life outside the Senate as much as her work within it. Janine loved theater, music, and swing dancing.

Of Janine it can truly be said, that there has ''passed away a glory from the Earth.''

The poet Wordsworth continues—

''Though nothing can bring back the hour
Of splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower;
We will grieve not, rather find
Strength in what remains behind.''

Janine has touched many of our lives and honored the Senate with her dedicated and outstanding service.●

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart and deep sense of gratitude to honor the life of a brave young man from Indianapolis, IN. Private Jesse M. Halling, 19 years old, was killed in Tikrit, Iraq on June 7, 2003 when his military police station came under grenade and small-arms fire. Jesse joined the Army with his entire life before him. He chose to risk everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world from home.

Jesse was the sixth Hoosier soldier to be killed while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Today, I join Jesse's family, his friends, and the entire Indianapolis community in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear our sorrow over his death, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is this courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Jesse, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

Jesse Halling was a hard-working student, admired by all who knew him for his strong work ethic and remembered by both friends and teachers as a well-liked young man. Friends recall that Jesse always wanted to be a soldier, to follow in the footsteps of his father, who had served for 4 years in the Air Force.

Jesse graduated from Ben Davis High School in 2002, where he was a member of the weighlifting and Spanish clubs. After graduating high school, where he served as part of his school's ROTC unit, Jesse joined the Army in the military police division.

Jesse leaves behind his father, Alma Halling, and his mother, Pamela Halling. As I search for words to do justice in honoring Jesse Halling's sacrifice, I am reminded of President Lincoln's remarks as he addressed the families of the fallen soldiers in Gettysburg: ''We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.'' This statement is just as true today as it was nearly 150 years ago, as I am certain that the impact of Jesse Halling's actions will live on far longer than any record of these words.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Jesse M. Halling in the official record of the Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy and peace. When I think about this just cause in which we are engaged, and the unfortunate pain that comes with the loss of our heroes, I hope that families like Jesse's can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah who said, ''He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears form off all faces.''

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God bless the United States of America.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING JESSICA COLLINS

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I have the privilege and honor of rising today to recognize Miss Jessica Collins of Brandenburg, KY. Jessica was selected as Kentucky's winner of the 2003 Future Farmers of America Award. Jessica was recognized at an awards gala hosted by the Louisville Courier-Journal Newspaper as part of their 2003 Salute to Young Achievers.

Jessica earned this distinguished honor by sharing her commitment to agricultural development through a written essay reviewed and selected by the Kentucky Association of Future Farmers of America and the Kentucky Department of Education. The thoughts conveyed in her essay are not empty words, but instead, hours of hard work show her commitment to excellence.

A graduate of Meade County High School, Jessica's future plans include pursuing a college degree and continuing her passion of ranching. Currently, over 19 Angus cows and numerous farming equipment fall under her ownership and direction. This strong business interest was first sparked in her local 4–H chapter and will aid her as she seeks an economics degree at Western Kentucky University.

I am pleased that Jessica takes such an interest in her community and in agriculture. Her expertise and experience will serve Kentucky well. I want to thank the Senate for allowing me to congratulate Jessica Collins. She is one of Kentucky's finest gems.●

IN HONOR OF NIRMAL K. SINHA OF OHIO

● Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate and pay tribute to Mr. Nirmal K. Sinha of Worthington, OH, as a 2003 Ellis Island Medal of Honor recipient.

The prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor award is presented annually to ''remarkable Americans who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives,'' and ''who have distinguished themselves as citizens of the United States, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage.''

Nirmal Sinha is such an American. In addition to creating a business in Ohio and being active in numerous civic organizations. Nirmal and his wife Tripta have maintained strong ties to the Asian Indian American community. I have often said, ''show me someone who is proud of their ethnic heritage and I'll show you a great American!''

I am proud to say I have worked with Nirmal Sinha for many years. In 1992, as Governor of Ohio, I appointed him to the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. I reappointed him in 1997, and I am gratified that Mr. Sinha served two 5-year terms, helping to enforce State laws prohibiting discrimination in housing, employment, credit, and higher education. He has worked with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to develop outreach programs, particularly to Hispanic and Asian Americans.

As mayor of Cleveland and as Governor of Ohio, I was close to the Asian Indian American community and knew of Nirmal's distinguished record as a business leader and someone who was active in a variety of civic organizations. Some of those organizations include the Asian Indian American Business Group, AIABG, of Columbus, founding member of the Global Organization of People of Indian Origin, GOPIO, the Asian Indian Alliance of Ohio, and the Asian Indian Forum for Political Education.

Mr. Sinha also has served as a member of the Ameritech Consumer Advisory Board, Columbus International Program, and Main Street Business Association, member of the advisory board to the Ohio State University's Department of Communications, and a director of the Central Ohio March of Dimes and the International Center in Columbus.

Nirmal Sinha is an accomplished professional who always makes time to give to others. Mr. Sinha is active in